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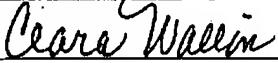
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 1, 2002, Applicant respectfully
requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2 and 14 and amend the claims in the manner indicated. A clean
version of all pending claims after the amendment is shown on the following pages. A marked-
up version of the amended claims is shown in Appendix A at the end of this response.

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